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The Honorable John L. McClellan, Chairman
Committee on Expenditures in the
Executive Departments
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

Last February 22nd, Mr. Walter Pforzheimer of my staff discussed with you the security problems connected with the publication of Volume II of the Hoover Commission Task Force Report on The National Security Organization. At that time it was pointed out that Volume II included the Task Force study on the Central Intelligence Agency. For security reasons, we requested that this section's use be limited to official purposes only and asked that it should not receive any general publication. It was our understanding that both the Hoover Commission and your Committee would take appropriate steps regarding the security of this material and restrict it to official use only.

It has now come to our attention that members of the press have been given access to this study by the Senate Committee on Expenditures in the Executive Departments. For this reason, I am writing you to request again that the CIA sections of the Task Force Report on The National Security Organization not be made available to anyone not requiring it for official use, and that it not be made available to members of the public or the press.

I wish to stress that my requests in this connection have never been made for the purpose of keeping from any Congressional committee or members of Congress any information needed in the carrying on of their work. My request is based solely on the very real security problems which we face here and which require that public information as to the nature of the operations of this Agency be kept to an absolute minimum.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

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